

Saris are mesmerizing to children of all backgrounds. To see a sari tranform from a length of fabric to fashion? Magic. Knowing that the picture book will only pique your patron and student's curiosity about saris, why not invite women from your South Asian communities to celebrate the picture book and the community of women it honors? Here are some ideas for community engagement:

## CONTACTING THE COMMUNITY

If you yourself are not a part of the South Asian community, here are places you might make connections:

- \* Parent Teacher Organization
- \* Neighborhood Associations
- \* Chamber of Commerce
- \* South Asian-Owned Businesses
- \* Indian Restaurants
- \* South Asian Places of Worship: Temples, Mosques, Gurudwaras, Churches

For free downloads of an event poster, social media image and activities, search for the HOW TO WEAR A SARI on www.ImYourNeighborBooks.org.

## **EVENT IDEAS**

What might an event partnership look like? Meet with community members and discuss what might make this book event a broader celebration. Event partners might:

- \* Share the event on their networks
- \* Invite friends and family
- \* Be a guest reader
- \* Give a sari wrapping demonstration
- \* Suggest music to play at the event
- \* Suggest or bring snacks for children
- \* Wear favorite saris
- \* Bring saris to display
- \* Partner with friends for a sari "runway"
- \* Dress children with lengths of cloth